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As part of a series of documents providing language arts materials adapted for use by children in refugee populations, this list offers 200 topics for creative and expository writing based on the Haitian culture. These topics, which can also be used as stimuli for writing activities by children from the Antilles and students interested in understanding Haitian culture, incorporate specific references to and details of Haitian geography, food, history, agriculture, folklore, linguistic expressions, clothing, and artwork. (RL)

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TOPICS FOR CREATIVE AND EXPOSITORY WRITING

1. Rooster Fighting In Haiti
2. Riding In A Top Top
3. I Remember The Beautiful Antilles Mountains
4. Riding To Market On A Donkey
5. My House Has A Thatched Roof
6. The Statue Of The Unknown Soldier
7. The Beautiful Poinsettas Of Haiti
8. Washing Clothes In The River Streams
9. How To Balance A Basket On Your Head And Walk
10. A Visit To The Iron Market In Por-Au-Prince
11. How To Balance A Bucket On Your Head And Walk
12. My Father Is A Wood Carver
13. Come Go With Me To Petionville
14. You Should See A Voodoo Ceremony
15. A Day At The Ibo Beach
16. The First Day That I Arrived In Miami, Florida
17. A Day At The Citadel In Cap Haitian
18. How Seasons Change In My Country-Haiti
19. What Would Our Parents Do Today If They Were In Haiti ?
20. Foods Of Haiti
21. The Religious Beliefs Of The Haitians
22. Games That We Played In Hatii
23. What Does Poverty Mean To Me
24. A Visit To The Mahogany Factory
25. Haiti: It Is Like No Other Country To Me

26. The Government Of Haiti
27. Haiti: The Land Of Friendship
28. Let Me Tell You A Haitian Folk Tale
29. Oh! How I Miss The Mardigras!
30. Rara Carnival: There Is Nothing Liek It In This Country
31. Haiti Comes Alive During Carnival Season
32. A Drive To Kenscoff
33. My Friend Lives In Boutillier, Haiti
34. The Historic Citadell In Cap Haiti
35. Why Is Haiti Considered The Pearl Of The Carribean?
36. The Beautiful Blue Waters Of Boutillier, Haiti
37. Haiti: The Second Oldest Republic In The Western Hemisphere
38. Toussaint Louverture, The Haitian Patriot
39. Alexander Petion-The Man For Whom Petionville Was Named
40. Henri Christophe
41. My Language Is French Creole (Patois)
42. My Parents Entertained Their Friends At The Choucoune
43. Drums Of My Land: Haiti
44. If I Had A Gourde
45. Le Nouve Monde: A Haitian Newspaper
46. When I Go Back To Haiti, I Will--
47. Fishing In The Haitian Waters
48. The Winding Streets Of Haiti
49. Snorkeling Off San Cay Reef
50. Why Tourist Live In Pensions
51. Haiti, The Land Of Many Mountains
52. Riding On A Boat Through The Windward Passage

53. Drawing The Haitian Coat Of Arms And Explaining Its Significance
54. Ships That Sail Into The Port Of Hait
55. Animals That Live In The Savannus Of Haiti
56. Trading Agricultural Products At A Rural Market
57. My Father Fishes With A Net
58. Visiting A Bauxite Factory
59. Walking ON The Red Clay Land
60. A Visit To The Dam At Peligre
61. A Haitian Girl On Her Way To Market
62. How To Make A Haitian Drum
63. Things That I Saw During A Haitian Carnival
64. People Dance In The Streets During Carnival
65. If I Was A Top Top, How Many People Could Ride In Me ?
66. A Visit To A Turpin Plantation
67. Watching A Painter At Work In Haiti
68. Riding A Donkey In The Fields Of Haiti
69. What The Beating Of The Drum Means To Me
70. May Pole Dancers
71. A Haitian Wedding
72. Rara Dancing In Haiti
73. The Mountains Of Haiti
74. The Magic Of The Antilles
75. Behind The Mountains Are More Mountains
76. Life On LaSalle (The Saddle)
77. These Mountains Are Alive In Haiti
78. The Homesteads On The Antilles Mountain
79. The Salt Marshes Of Haiti
80. The Rice Field Of The Antibonite Valley

81. Growing Sugar Cane In Haiti
82. Growing Plantains In Haiti
83. The Man With The Glowing Ember
84. Preparing For A Hurricane
85. The Thatched Hut That Washed Away
86. Fishing Boats In The Bay Of Gonaives
87. My Visit To The Island Of La Gonaives
88. My Visit To The Union School In Haiti
89. A Day In The Ville Matelot (Village Of Matelot)
90. Making Caribe Pottery On The Isle a'Cabrit
91. Making Arawk Pottery On The Isle a'Cabrit
92. Making Carved Stone Images On The Isle a'Cabrit
93. Growing Avocadoes In Haiti
94. Growing Mangoes In Haiti
95. Growing Cashew Nuts In Haiti
96. Growing Cotton In Haiti
97. Gathering Calabash on Jaoto
98. What Happened To The Mahogany Trees In Haiti
99. Haitians Are Created Out Of The Fabric Of Africa,American, And Europe
100. Haitians Are Rich In Music
101. Haitians Are Rich In Folklore
102. Haitians Are Rich In Traditions
103. Haitians Are Rich In Memories
104. Haitians Are Rich In Spiritual Expressions
105. Haitians Are Rich In Perserverence
106. The History Of The Hispaniola Island
107. How Voodooism Survived In Haiti

108. The Similarities Of Voodoosim And Catholicism

109. The Loa: Gods Of The Haitian Mountains

110. The Kanzo Ceremony (A Ritual)

111. Services For Loa And Ancestors Of My Family

112. Sing For The Loa

113. Please Beware Of The Mapou Tree

114. I Am Afraid Of The Baka

115. Mardi Gras

116. Waiting For Ash Wednesday

117. The Lwalwadi Festival In Kenscoff

118. Chariopie Festival In Part Au Prince

119. Easter Ends All Rara Festivals In Haiti

120. How To Make And Decorate A Debois (carved marionette)

121. How To Make And Decorate "Two Kings"

122. Organizing My Friends For A Rara Group

123. How To Make A Tchancy (Mettle Rattler)

124. How To Make A Cocomacaque Stick

125. How To Make A Joucoujou (rattler on a pole)

126. How To Make A Lampion

127. What Does The Motto, "Pitit Mange' travaille youn pile" mean?

128. Growing Yams In Haiti

129. Growing manioc In Haiti

130. Farming IN The Marbial Valley

131. Carrying Produce To The Market

132. Caring For My Grandfather's Oxen

133. Calling The Columbite For Work

134. Market Day In Port Au-Prince

135. When The Donkey Won't Go

136. Every Kitchen Needs A Mortar

137. How To Make A Wari Board

138. How To Win The Wari Board Game

139. Ther's Nothing Like A Yam Harvest Festival

140. Saturday Night Bamboche

141. I Want To Be An Accomplished Drummer

142. How To Make Mais Moula

143. How To Do Tie Dying

144. How To Make A Baka Drum

145. How To Make A Tymbale

147. Making Costumes For A Rara

148. How To Make A Tombour Maringouin (Mosquito Drum)

149. How To Play A Tambour Maringouin

150. How To Make A Tikambos

151. How To Play Tikambos

152. Hot To Make A Marimbula

153. How To Play Maribula

154. How To Make An Aka Drum

155. How To Play The Aka Drum

156. How To Repair A Thatched Roof In Haiti

157. Using Lime For Plastering Walls

158. Cutting Sissal For Market

159. The Many Uses Of Sissal

160. Embroidering Blue Denim For Tourists

161. Why Haitians Prefer To Carry Loads On Their Heads Than On Their Shoulders

162. What Does The Statement, "Once A Haitian, Always A Hatian Mean"?

163. How To Make An Application For Leaving The Country

164. Carnival Dances In Haiti

165. Secular Dances In Haiti

166. Songs: Weapons Of Social Tradition; Criticism, and Protest In Haiti

167. The Role Of The Haitian Mother

168. My Favorite Stories About Tone Bauki and T. Malice

169. My Favorite Stories About Jean Saute and Jean L'Esprit

170. My Favorite Stories About Brother Anansi, The Spider

171. The Story of Grandmother and Bath

172. The Folk Tales Of Hati

173. How To Play Blance' Yoya

174. How To Play Theatre

175. Games Of Haiti

176. How To Play"De'lina "

177. How To Play"Find A Beautiful Woman"

178. How To Play,"Boude

179. How To Play "Uncle Pierre "

180. The Nation's Pride In Its Long History Of Independence

181. A Visit To The Haitian Museum

182. How To Mount A Drumbead And Be A Professional Drum Maker

183. Jean Jacque Dessalines

184. The Use Of The Barter System In The Markets Of Haiti

185. How To Bargin Successfully With The Haitian Vendors

186. The Battle Of Vertieres

187. Christopher Colombus Discoverd Haiti in 1492

188. The Arawak Indians In Haiti

189. The Rule Of Napoleon, In France, Over Haiti In The Carribean Islands

190. The Reality Of Federal Aid To Undeveloped Haiti

191. Haiti: A Typical Example Of The Pearson Report

192. Life In Haiti And Its Economic Development

193. Freedom And The Land

194. The Natural Resources Of Haiti

195. The Potentials Of The Future Haiti

196. Tourism In Haiti

197. Fishing In Haiti

198. The Haiti Of Tomorrow Is The Child Of The Haiti Of Yesterday

199. The Role Of The Houngan (village priest) in Haitian Life

200. Haitian Wood Carvings And Art Are Excellent Export Items